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Lago Wins First Prize In Stevedoring Contest

Stevedores and Wharfingers Take Seventh Top Safety Award

For the seventh time in the last nine years, the Lago stevedores and wharfingers won first place in the Stevedoring Division of the Industrial Safety Contest. The contest was sponsored by the National Safety Council, and included entries from the United States, Honolulu, and here. Covering the period from July, 1946, through June, 1947, the award honored the Lago stevedores and wharfingers for their record of the fewest disabling injuries per million man hours.

Lago's winning record was from three to four times better than the average entry in the Stevedoring Division, and almost twice as good as the second place winner.

The award, a plaque donated by the National Safety Council, was presented on March 3 to F. E. Griffin, process superintendent, and C. M. Clower, of M. & C. Mr. Griffin accepted the plaque on behalf of the wharfingers, and Mr. Clower on behalf of the stevedores. The plaque will be in the possession of each department for a year at a time.

The Industrial Safety Contests are held each year, and are divided into various divisions within each particular industry. Lago enters the petroleum refinery division and the marine division, with the marine section being divided into three contests: stevedore, shipyard, and tanker.



Den e ultimo nueve anjanan, siete bez Lago su stevedore- y wharfingernan a gana su premio de seguridad industrial. E contest a worde conduci pa National Safety Council y tabata inclui participantenan di Merca, Honolulu, y Aruba. Cubriendo e periodo di Juli 1946 te Juni 1947, record di Lago su stevedore- y wharfingernan ta esun cu tabatin menos accidente cu pérdida di tempo fo'i trabao durante un millon ora di trabao pa empleado. E certificado cu National Safety Council a duna pa e record a bini na forma di un cuadro.

International Complications - French Guns Imported by Americans To Shoot Aruban Fish



Tom Johnson (left) and Norbert de Frees pose with an 80-pound grouper they harpooned March 4, with the help of Harold Massey, not in the picture. Their claim that it is the biggest fish ever caught here by goggle-fishing methods would be hard to deny. (Come to think of it, George Larson, another famous fisherman, doesn't often show anything bigger caught from the comfort of his boat.) The Johnson-Massey-de Frees combination use fins on their feet and hands to help them move in the water faster, and with the crooked pipe fastened to their goggles they can breathe under water while they aim their six-foot "fish-guns".

Tom Johnson (banda robes) y Norbert de Frees cu e piscá di 80 liber cu nan a cohe cu harpoen dia 4 di Maart, hunto cu Harold Massey cu no a sali riba e portret. Esaki sigur ta esun di mas grandi cu nan lo yega na cohe, pasobra ei a distribi nan co'i trabao di tal manera, cu nan a hura di no mishi cu piscas grandinan asina mas. Tur e tres "piscadornan" ta traha na L.O.F.

Most fishermen hook or net their fish, but some people shoot 'em. Three Lagoites are in the shooting class, and they have plenty of results to prove the accuracy of their aim and the power of their "guns".

Tom Johnson, Norbert de Frees, and Harold Massey, all of Process, are the men who are combining the best features of fish spears and whale harpoons, adding a pistol grip and some equipment that enables them to work under water.

Their latest victim was an 80-pound grouper, and it will probably be the biggest they ever got, because it messed up their equipment so badly that they have sworn off the big ones from now on.

It all started when Norbert de Frees brought back a "fish gun" from France after U.S. Army service in Europe dur-

ing the war. It worked very well, and several more were ordered. They arrived three weeks ago and came in handy in subduing the 80 pounds of hard-fighting fish.

The guns (see picture) are simply long aluminum tubes containing a powerful spring, and with a reel and a pistol grip and trigger attached. The "bullet" is a three-foot harpoon, a rod with a heavy cord fastened at the back end. The front end is pointed, and has a barb arrangement that opens up and holds the harpoon in the fish.

As it turned out, the fishermen would have been glad if the barb hadn't worked so well with their biggest catch. They shot him no less than four times, and he thrashed around so violently that their harpoons were bent and broken.

Americano Ta Vangu Piscá Arubiano cu Scopet Frances

Mayoria di piscadornan ta vangu piscá cu reda of cu anzué, pero tin hende cu ta tira nan tambe. Tin tres empleado di Lago cu ta usa sistema di tira piscá y nan tabatin masha bon resultado pa proba nan abilidad pa mik y forza di nan scopetnan.

Tom Johnson, Norbert de Frees y Harold Massey, tur tres di Light Oils, ta e "piscadornan" cu ultimamente a cohe un piscá di 80 liber, usando nan "Scopetnan pa piscá"; e piscá na daña nan co'i trabao asina tanto cu nan a hura di no mishi cu piscanan grandi asina mas.

Tempo cu Norbert de Frees tabata den Ehército Americano el a sirbi na Francia y djei el a trece un "scopet pa piscá". E tabata traha masha bon y nan a encarga varios mas cu a yega tres siman pasá.

E scopetnan (mira ribe portret) no ta nada otro sino un tubo di aluminio cu un veer fuerte aden y cu un gai mescos cu di scopet. E "bala" ta un harpoen di tre pia cu un cabuya mará p'atras. E punta tin algo especial cu ta hacié habri y keda wanta e harpoen den curpa di e piscá.

E piscadornan di cu ta duel nan cu e harpoen a wanta asina duru e ultimo bez, pasobra ora cu nan a dal tres tiro e piscá a ranka, woel y zapatiá asina tanto cu el a dobla tur nan harpoennan.

Relief Fund for Holland Disbanded; Balance Given To Research Institute

The Aruba Relief Fund for the Netherlands was disbanded February 27 when the Fund's Executive Committee held its final meeting. Reason for disbanding the relief society was that the need for help to the Netherlands no longer exists to the extent it did in 1944 when the Fund was established, and when only a sixth part of the Netherlands had been liberated.

Disbanding of the Fund was announced by the association's chairman, L. C. Kwartz, Lt. governor of Aruba. In a letter sent to various churches, clubs, societies, firms, committees, and lodges, groups comprising both civilian and Government personnel in Aruba, Lt. Gov. Kwartz thanked all who helped the Fund for "your financial contributions, your personal or material support, or your services in any other form rendered to the Relief Fund. Everything you have done in that respect was ultimately for the benefit of the impoverished Netherlands people".

Lt. Gov. Kwartz reported that the total proceeds of the Fund amounted to over Fls. 126,000, of which Fls. 105,000 was spent for Dutch relief. The sum left, approximately Fls. 20,000, will be given to the Research Institute for Preventive Medicine at Leiden, Holland. This sum will thus aid not only the people of Holland, but people throughout the world. The medical discoveries made at Leiden will be made available to medical institutions everywhere. Although it was destroyed by the Germans during the war, the Institute is now being rebuilt; money from Aruba will contribute to its reconstruction.

Other officers of the Fund, in addition to Lt. Gov. Kwartz, were C. de Veer, treasurer; and H. A. Hesslering, secretary.

Trinidad Reader Wants "Pen Pals"

The ESSO NEWS recently received a request from Emmanuel L. Nagir, of Trinidad, to help provide him with "pen pals", both men and women, here in Aruba. He is 19 years old and is interested in stamp and picture collecting, motion pictures, cricket, shorthand, and in learning more about other places.

His address is % Electrical Department, Trinidad Leaseholds, Limited, Pointe-a-Pierre, Trinidad, B.W.I.

Rare Old Coin Exhibited



Charles Wickam and his favorite coin.

It looks like an ordinary Dutch quarter, that coin being held by Charles Wickam of the Plant Commissary, and in face value (half a crown, or two shillings and sixpence) it isn't worth a great deal more. But to Mr. Wickam — and possibly in the coin-collecting world — it is worth in a great deal more.

What makes it unusual is the face on the coin (George III), the date (1816), and the fact that the reverse side reads "United Colony of Demerary and Essequibo". Now, of course, the colony is named "British Guiana", and the word is spelled "Demarara". And George III got buried in the history books a great many years ago.

Mr. Wickam, who admits to 46 years, says he found the coin when he was a boy, digging in a garden in E.G. with a machete. His mother took it to keep for him, returning it to him after he had grown up. Now, 132 years after it was minted, it is one of his prized souvenirs.

Souvenir di Anja 1816

Aunque loque Charles Wickam di Comisario tin den su man parce un diez-placa di tur dia, pe y pa cualkier hende cu ta spaar monedanan straño, e tin hopi balor.

Loque ta hacié asina importante ta cu e ta di anja 1816 y e tin cara di Rey George III di Inglatera ariba y e otro banda ta para skirbi "Colonia Uní di Demerary y Essequibo. Esey ta e nomber bieuw di British Guiana; Demerary a bira Demerara y George III ta derá masha tempo den bukinan di historia.

Charles Wickam tin 46 anja y el a haya e placa ora cu e tabata coba den un hoffi cu un machete tempo cu e tabata mucha. Su mama a wardé y a dunéle trobe ora cu el a bira grandi.

Awor e moneda raro tin 132 anja y e ta un souvenir masha stimá di Charles Wickam.

Lago's C. J. Griffin is Loaned To Jersey Affiliate in States

C. J. Griffin, assistant division superintendent in charge of Lago's Catalytic Department, is being loaned to the Carter Oil Company and leaves next week for the States. Carter, a Jersey affiliate which operates in the mid-western states, is building a modern refinery, including a cat cracker, at Billings, Montana. Mr. Griffin wil represent the company in connection with the construction of the new facilities.

A Lago employee since 1934, Mr. Griffin has worked in thermal cracking, equipment inspection, and in catalytic operations. In 1940 he was loaned to the NKPM refinery in Palembang, Netherland East Indies, where he supervised the starting up of alkylation and isomerization units.

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Oil Shortage: Why?

In February Lago set a new record in the amount of crude run through the refinery, averaging 393,216 barrels per day. In December the "Esso Raleigh" set a new loading record when it received its cargo of 103,300 barrels of fuel oil in 5.41 hours.

Despite these records, which show that the plant's output is greater than ever before and that the finished product is getting on its way to the world's markets in record time, there still exists a tremendous petroleum shortage in the world. Why?

The reasons are many and complex. Some are because of the recent war, others are the result of an increased world-wide consumption of petroleum products. In the United States alone the total demand for all petroleum products today exceeds even the peak war years by 8.3 per cent. Per capita consumption in the States during 1947 was 608 gallons, compared to only 367 in 1938. The 1948 demand for oil in the States is estimated at over 6,000,000 barrels per day, some 700,000 barrels more than the available supply. And similar conditions exist in other parts of the world.

But the big bottleneck is steel. During the war thousands of tons of steel were diverted which would have normally been used by the petroleum industry for the building of transportation, producing, and refining facilities for the anticipated increased demand. Despite an outstanding production record by the steel industry, record peacetime demands have far exceeded the supply. And steel is vitally needed for the construction of casings for new oil wells, for new refineries, for pipelines, and for tank cars and tankers.

The oil industry plans to improve and expand present production facilities one-third by a \$4 billion dollar investment. But until the steel so vitally needed for this expansion program is available, the world's oil shortage will continue.

NEW ARRIVALS

A son, Leslie Compton, to Mr. and Mrs. Hewley McGibbon, February 18.
A son, Edi Inario, to Mr. and Mrs. Alberto Croes, February 18.
A son, Lenford Augustin, to Mr. and Mrs. John Moses, February 19.
A son, Ronny Addison, to Mr. and Mrs. Eusebio Arends, February 19.
A son, Eddie Lawrence, to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Eute, February 19.
A daughter, Juliana Monica, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boatswain, February 20.
A son, Leo Sifried, to Mr. and Mrs. Elias Naar, February 20.
A son, Donald, to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Burkard, February 20.
A son, Felix Maximiliano, to Mr. and Mrs. Tarcisio Caster, February 21.
A daughter, Cecelia Jermaine, to Mr. and Mrs. Reily Jack, February 23.
A son, James Nelson, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Daudet, February 24.
A son, Ecto Johannes, to Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Croes, February 25.
A daughter, Alicia Bernadette, to Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Rasmijn, February 26.
A son, Emmanuel George, to Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Guadalupe, February 26.
A son, Alvin Kenneth, to Mr. and Mrs. Tuaniko Rombley, February 28.
A daughter, Diana Filomena, to Mr. and Mrs. Epifanio Van Der Biexen, February 28.
A daughter, Villana Lelia, to Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Van Blarcum, February 28.
A son, Balde Felis, to Mr. and Mrs. Placido Hermandis, February 28.
A son, Jonathan Tolchard, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reynolds, February 28.

A daughter, Idalla, to Mr. and Mrs. Jacobo Kock, March 1.
A daughter, Doris Elaine, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hermansen, March 2.
A son, John Joseph, to Mr. and Mrs. John Pfaff, March 2.
A daughter, Emiteria Marina, to Mr. and Mrs. Guillermo Stamper, March 3.
A son, to Mr. and Mrs. Nedd Reddock, March 4.
A daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Emiliano Bislick, March 4.
A daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wouters, March 5.
A son, to Mr. and Mrs. William Cannegieter, March 7.
A son, Raffy Bissemer, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jiram, March 7.
A daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Luis Wout, March 8.
A daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, March 8.
A son, to Mr. and Mrs. Nicasio Bernardina, March 8.
A daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Bicento Henriquez, March 8.

Standard Oil A Cumpra Seis Tanker Grandi Nobo

Negociacionnan pa construccion di seis tanker grandi nobo, cu un capacidad di 228,000 barril cada uno, u worde completá luna pasá pa Compania Jersey Standard. E vapornan aki tin un capacidad 70 por ciento mas grandi cu capacidad di e tankernan modelo T-2 trahá durante di guerra; nan seis hunto tin un capacidad di 57,456,000 galon.

Un di e tankernan lo ta cla na fin di anja y e otro cinco na fin di na fin di cuminamento di 1949. Construccion di es vapornan lo costa 31,500,000 dollar.

Cada tanker lo tin un tripulacion di 50 miembro, velocidad regular di mas o menos 16 milla pa ora y un largura di 628 pia.



Twenty-Year-Man Wilber Self received his diamond-studded service emblem February 20, two days before leaving on home furlough. Mr. Self, an operator in Light Oils, began his company service 20 years ago at Humble's Baytown, Texas refinery.

Departmental Reporters

(Dots indicate that reporter has turned in a tip for this issue)

Simon Coronel		Hospital
Bipat Chand		Storehouse
Sattaur Bacchus		Instrument
Gordon Ollivierre		Electrical
Luciano Wever		Labor
Simon Geerman	o o o o o o o o	Drydock
Bernard Marquis	o o o o o o o o	Marine Office
Iphil Jones		Receiving & Shipping
Erskine Anderson		Acid & Edeleanu
		L.O.F.
Fernando da Silva		Pressure Stills
Bertie Viapree		C.T.R. & Field Shops
Hugo de Vries		T.S.D. Office
Willemfridus Bool		Accounting
Mrs. Ivy Butts	o o o o o o o o	Powerhouse 1 & 2
Jacinto de Kort		Laboratories 1 & 2
Henry Nassy		Laboratory 3
Harold Wathey		Lago Police
Mrs. M. A. Mongroo	o o o o o o o o	Esso & Lago Clubs
Elsa Mackintosh		Dining Hall (2)
Elric Crichlow		Catalytic
		Gas & Poly Plants
Calvin Hassell	o o o o o o o o	M. & C. Office
Federico Ponson	o o o o o o o o	Masons & Insulators
Edward Larmonie		Carpenter & Paint
Edgar Connor		Machine Shop
Mario Harms		Blacksmith, Boiler & Tin
Cade Abraham		Pipe
Jan Oduber		Welding
John Francisco	o o o o o o o o	Colony Commissary
Jose La Cruz	o o o o o o o o	Plant Commissary
Stella Oliver		Laundry
Ricardo Van Blarcum		Colony Service Office
Claude Bolah		Colony Shops
Hubert Ecury		Garage
Harold James		Personnel
Edney Huckleman	o o o o o o o o	Sports
Samuel Rajroop		Special

Standard Oil (N.J.) Buys Six New Super Tankers

Negotiations for construction of six new super tankers with a capacity of 228,000 barrels each — about 70 per cent greater than the capacity of the T-2 type tankers built during the war — were completed last month by Jersey Standard.

The six ships will have a total aggregate capacity of 57,456,000 gallons and will be capable of carrying enough oil to fill more than 5,700 tank cars of 10,000 gallon capacity, a train about 43 miles long.

One of the tankers is scheduled for delivery by the end of this year and the other five early in 1949. The construction program will cost about \$31,500,000.

Each tanker will have a normal complement of about 50 crewmen, a service speed of about 16 knots, and will be 628 feet in overall length.

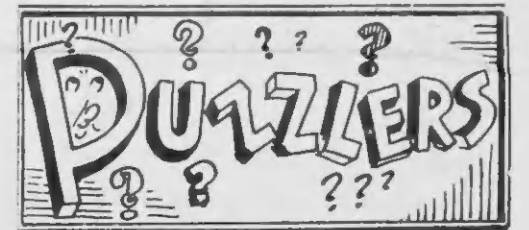
The Company's first tanker was built in 1914. Since then the Esso ocean-going fleet has become the largest privately owned fleet of ocean-going tankers, currently numbering 125 ships. In addition, the Company has 82 lake and special service tankers.

Un galinja nekdô . . .

Edward Gibson, boilermaker na Drydock a dicidi di cuminza cria galinja algun tempo pasá y cu es doel el a encargá cien puyito for di Merca na September di anja pasá. Nan a yega bon y na cuminamento di Februari nan a cuminza pone webo.

Ata un dia un di su jioenan a mira un webo masha grandi. El a corre hibé pa su mama mira; e mucha a laga e webo cai riba mesa y e casca a kraak un poco, pero toch e mama a wardé pa e muestra Edward ora e yega cas for di trabao.

Despues cu Edward a caba di admira grandura di e webo el a dicidi di purba com e ta smaak tambe. El a kibra e webo y rei kico el a haya aden? Un otro webo. E galinja ke meen "maske ta un biaha mi por nek nan".



A Telephone Conversation:

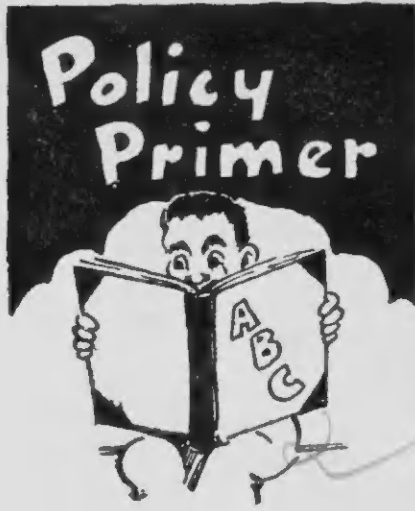
"Hello. Is this OK-7-6845?"
"Yes. Who is calling, please?"
"What? You don't recognize my voice? Why, my mother is your mother's mother-in-law."
"Huh?"
"What is the relationship of the speakers?"
(Answer on back page.)

SCHEDULE OF PAYDAYS

Semi-Monthly Payroll	
March 1—15	Tuesday, March 23
March 16—31	Thursday, April 8
Monthly Payrolls	
March 1—31	Friday, April 9



LABOR POLICY



PÓLIZA DI TRABAO

EACH EMPLOYEE is assured fair and just treatment regardless of membership or non-membership in any society, church, fraternity or labor organization.

CADA EMPLEADO ta worde tratá cu husticia sin cu ta importa cu nan ta pertenece of no ta pertenece na cualkier sociedad, iglesia, of organización di obreros.



VACATIONS with pay are granted eligible employees in accordance with company service.

VACANTIE cu pago ta worde duná na empleadonan cu tin derecho ey riba segun cantidad di su servicio cu Compania.

COLLECTIVE DEALINGS, including discussions of wage scale adjustments, working hours, and working conditions, are held with elected employee committees.

PROBLEMANAN en cuanto ahuste di salarionan, oranan di trabao y condicionnan di trabao ta worde discutí colectivamente cu comiténan cu empleadonan mes a elegí.

PROMOTION AND DEMOTION are based primarily on demonstrated ability.

PROMOCION Y DEMOCION ta depende di habilidad di un empleado.



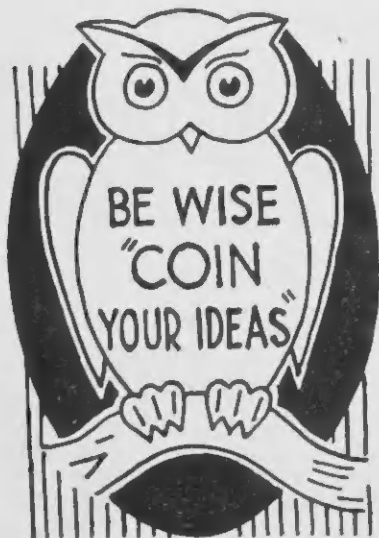
SANITARY AND HEALTHFUL working conditions are assured by periodic inspection of sanitary facilities, and various other practices designed to safeguard the employees' welfare.

CONDICIONNAN SANITARIO di trabao ta worde sigurá cu inspección periódico di facilidadnan sanitario y varios otro modanan pa percura pa bienestar di empleadonan.

THROUGH SUCH MEANS as job training courses, an Educational Refund Plan, and promotion within the Company, Lago provides opportunity for development.



PA MEDIO DI cursonan di entrenamiento y promoción den Compania mes, Lago ta duna tur oportunidad pa progresá.

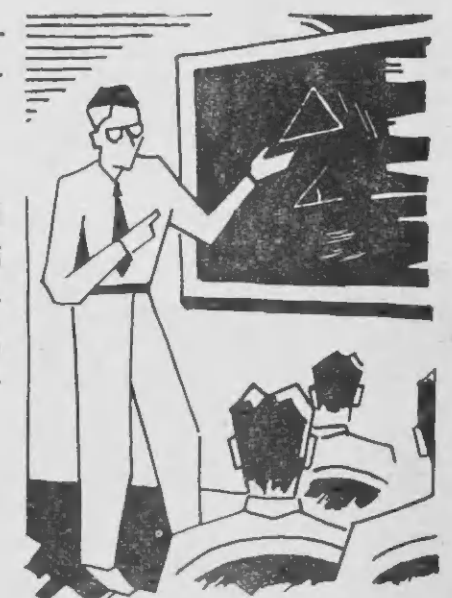


THE COMPANY works constantly, in many ways, to prevent accidents.

COMPANIA ta trata constantemente y di tur moda pa evitá accidentenan.

EMPLOYEES have the opportunity, through the Coin Your Ideas Program, to make suggestions for which, if usable, they will receive suitable awards.

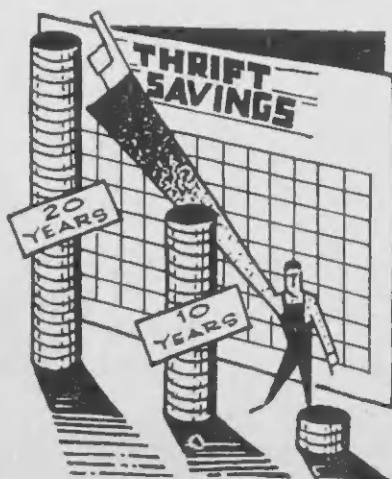
EMPLEADONAN tin oportunidad pa haci proposicionnan pa medio di Coin Your Ideas, pa cual proposicionnan nan ta ricibi premionan, contal cu e proposicion worde aceptá.



THE DAILY WORK PERIOD is an eight-hour day, or its equivalent. Overtime is required when necessary and is compensated at a higher rate. Normally, each employee is granted one day of rest in seven, or its equivalent, preferably on Sunday.

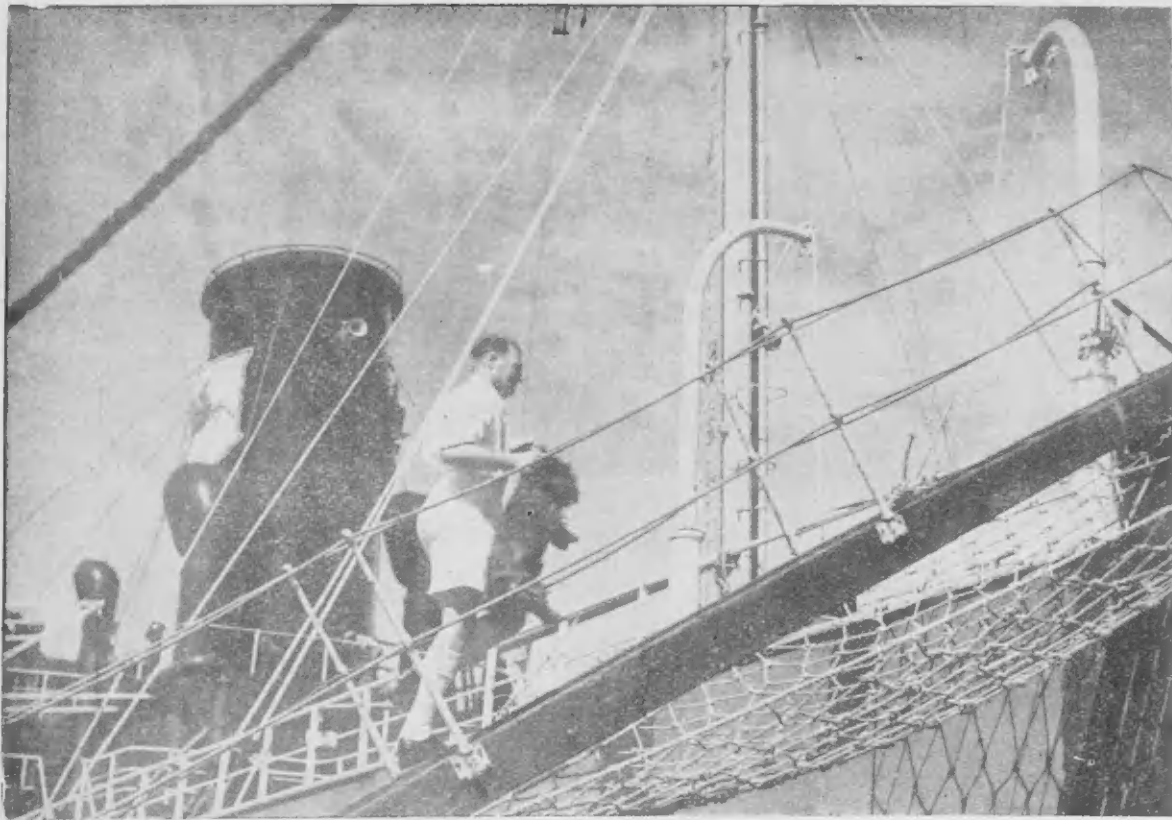
PERIODO DIARIO DI TRABAO ta ocho ora pa dia. Ora cu ta necesario empleadonan mester traha overtime y ta gana un tarifa mas halto cu pa oranan normal. Normalmente cada empleado ta haya un dia di sosiego pa siman, preferiblemente riba Diadomingo.

A COOPERATIVE PROGRAM for social and economic security is provided by the Company in the form of the Thrift Plan, Vacation Plan, sickness, accident, and death benefits, and hospitalization for employees and their families.



COOPERANDO cu empleadonan Compania ta ofrece un programa pa seguridad social y económico pa medio di Thrift Plan, Vacation Plan, Beneficianan di Enfermedad, di Accidente y di Morto y hospitalización pa empleadonan y nan famianan.

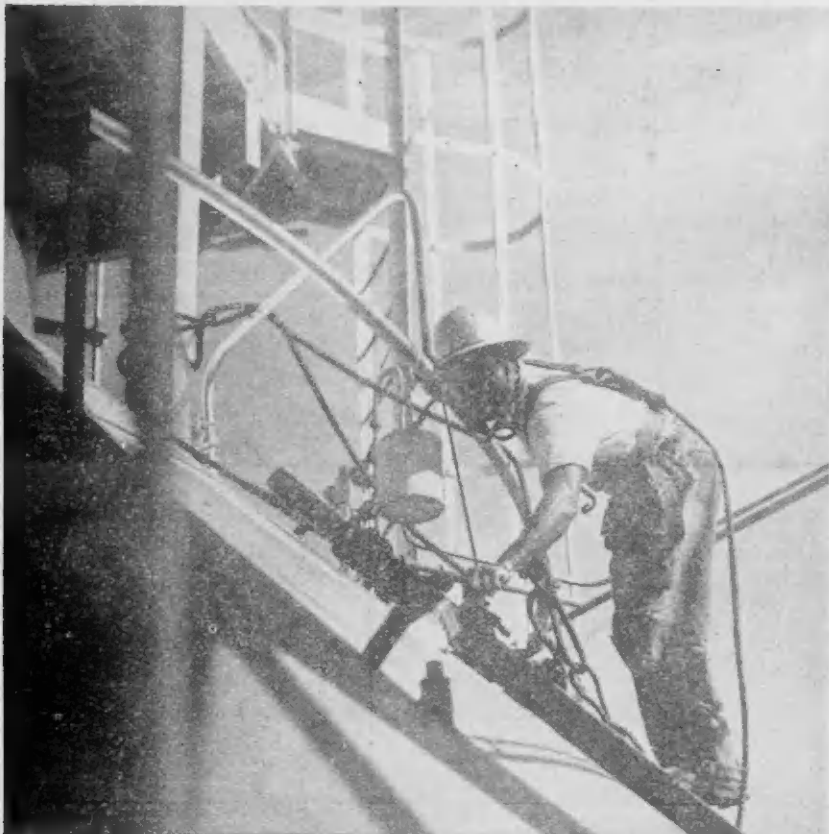
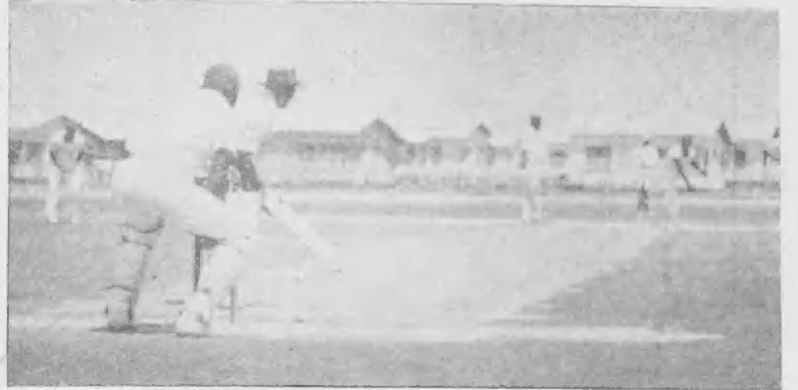
NEWS and VIEWS



Even though his master, Captain T. R. Taylor, has a firm grip on him, Gyp doesn't have to worry about being dropped into the cold water below. Underneath the gangplank of Capt. Taylor's ship, the "Vacport", is one of the safety nets which have become so widely used at the docks. So Gyp, a veteran sailor born in Egypt, can confidently offer the scruff of his neck to his master for a free ride up the gangplank. Even if he is dropped, he'll land in the net below and go on happily leading a dog's life.

Gyp, mascota di e tanker "Vacport" no tin miedo di slip for di man di su baas, Captain T. R. Taylor, pasobra siendo bakiano riba vapornan, e sa di e net di seguridad cu tin bao di e trapi.

Cyril Brown of the St. Vincent cricketers is ready for the first ball February 29, in their second meeting with Eagle for the championship of the senior division. W. Simon is the bowler for Eagle, and W. Joseph is wicket keeper. For other pictures and final results see page 7.



Cyril Fitz ta mei 300 pia na halto, pintando Cat Planta cu verf di aluminio. E trabao a tuma mas o menos 150 galon di verf. Cyril Fitz ta bon sigurá cu un faha di seguridad y e bril ta pe usa ora cu e mester raspa verf bieuw y ora e mester pinta cu su cara na iaria.

Cyril Fitz is really "on top of the world" in this picture nearly 300 feet high on the Cat Plant. Painter Fitz is slapping on some of the 150 gallons of aluminum paint that turned the big structure silver during its recent "face-lifting". With a safety belt anchored to a nearby girder, the steep slope and the altitude are no hazards. (The goggles hanging round his neck are used only when he is chipping old paint, or painting overhead.)

Every once in a while a picture taken by Sam Rajroop appears in the ARUBA ESSO NEWS, but here is one Sam definitely didn't take, being the second most important person in the picture. (He is outranked, of course, by the former Clara Thomas, his bride). The ceremony took place January 17 in Christ Church, Georgetown, British Guiana. The couple at right in the second row are Harry Sukhdeo of M. & C., who was best man, and Doris Thomas, the bride's sister, who was first bridesmaid.

Hopi bez nos mira portretnan den ARUBA ESSO NEWS cu Sam Rajroop a saka, pero esun aki si sigur sigur no te a sáké. Pasobra e biaha aki ta e ta e bruidegom riba e portret. Durante su vacante Sam a casa cu Señorita Clara Thomas di B.G.; e matrimonio a tuma lugar dia 17 di Januari na Christ Church, Georgetown, B.G. E homber na banda drechi den di dos careda ta Harry Sukhdeo di M. & C., cu tabata padrino.



Eight of Israel Hawley's co-workers on the Lago Club Staff got together February 25 to give him a proper sendoff into marriage. The gift, shown in front of the group, was a complete dinner set. Israel was married next day to Christobelle Lake, at St. Theresa's, and a reception was held later at their home, W.R.H. 50, San Nicholas. The presentation group includes, left to right, Clement St. Aubyn (manager of the Lago Club), Stanley Gouveia, Israel Hawley, Irene Hencock, Olive Lambert, Ignatius Snell, Laurence Joseph, Claude Gordon and Frank Thompson.

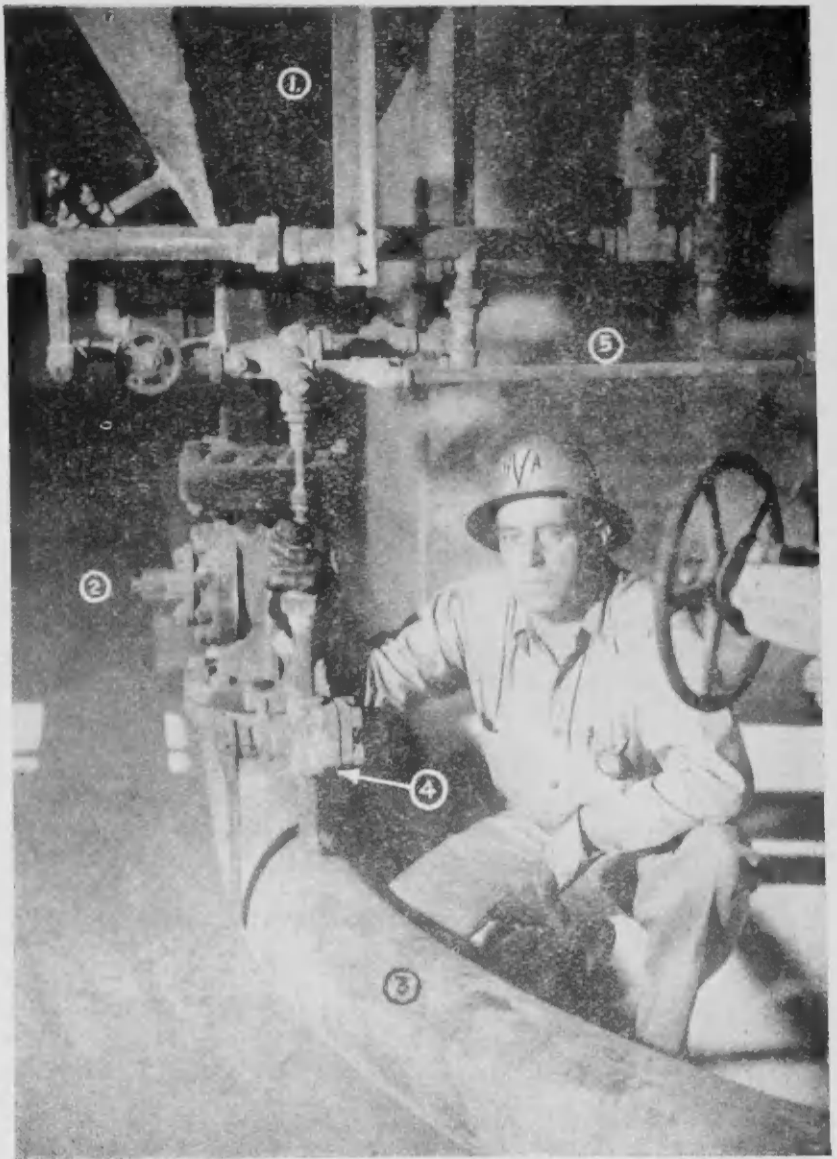


Sra. Gladys E. Ramsaran, abogada, a wordé nombrá Juez di Raad di Muchanan na Port of Spain, Trinidad; ta promé bez cu un muher ta ocupá e puesto ey na British West Indies. Sra. Ramsaran tin tres ruman aki na Aruba; Sra. Ivy Butts di Powerhouse, Frank O. Sarran di Laboratorio No. 2 y señora di E. Gomes, cu ta traha na Cracking Plant. Sra. Ramsaran su esposo tambe ta Juez na Port of Spain.

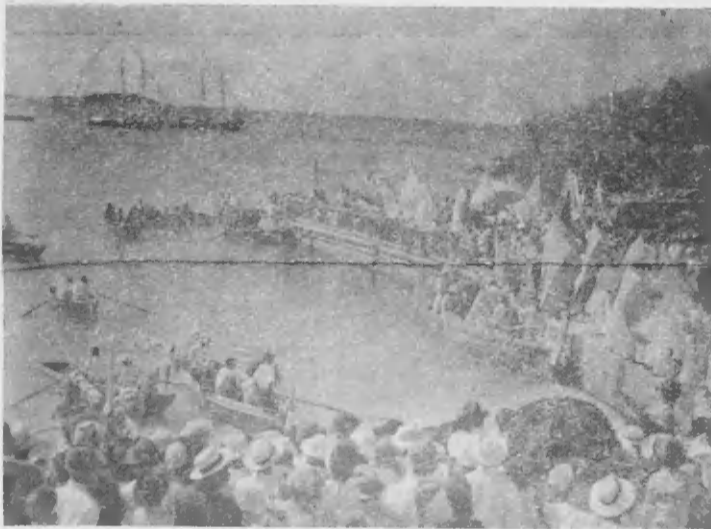
Mrs. Gladys E. Ramsaran, barrister-at-law, was recently appointed Acting Magistrate of the Juvenile Court of Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, becoming the first woman to be appointed a magistrate in the British West Indies. Mrs. Ramsaran is the sister of Mrs. Ivy Butts, of the No. 1 Powerhouse; Frank O. Sarran, of the No. 2 Laboratory; and Mrs. E. Gomes. Mrs. Ramsaran's husband is also an acting magistrate of Port-of-Spain.

Aki bao Hendrik van den Arend ta ricibi un cheque di Fis. 750 for di Sr. F. E. Griffin, hefe di Process Department. E presentacion a tuma lugar na reunion di Operating Department staff dia 27 di Februari. E cheque tabata un premio di Coin Your Ideas cu Sr. van den Arend a haya. Na banda drechi e portret ta muestra e idea cu el a duna pa un sistema nobo pa hiba "catalyst" na polvo Cat Plant.

Below, Hendrik van den Arend receives a check for Fis. 750 from Process Superintendent F. E. Griffin at the Operating Dept. staff meeting February 27. It was one of the largest initial awards ever made for a "C.Y.I." suggestion. The 750-guilder idea is shown in the picture at right. Fresh catalyst must be transferred once a day from the hopper, No. 1, to the loading line, No. 3. Formerly the valve at No. 2 was used, loading through a six-inch line. The loading-rate was hard to control, and adding large amounts of catalyst in a short time upset the operation of the plant. Mr. van den Arend has his hand on the small pipe (No. 4), through which catalyst is now loaded with pressure from the air line, No.5. With the smaller line and better control, the loading of fresh catalyst takes five to six hours and has less chance of upsetting operations.



Howard Baker, assistant chief accountant, left Aruba February 29 for a transfer to the other side of the world. He will be comptroller of the Standard-Vacuum Petroleum Mij., at Palembang, Dutch East Indies. The farewell ceremony at the Accounting Office had a special flavor for him, coming on the thirteenth anniversary of his arrival in Aruba. He is shown thanking friends in the department for their gift of Jensen silver. Lago's comptroller, T. C. Brown, who made the presentation, is in back to the right.



A famous religious shrine is touring French islands in the West Indies. Last month it was at St. Martin, and L. Larmony, of Laboratory No. 3, has loaned the ESSO NEWS two pictures of the event taken by his sister-in-law. A thousand years ago, according to legend, a statue entered the French harbor of Boulogne without any human assistance. The life-sized Madonna sits in a boat with the Holy Child on her knee. The statue, called "The Lady of the Grand Return", became one of the religious shrines of Boulogne. During the war people made pilgrimages to the city just to see it and it was later taken from city to city. The Germans forbade the statue to be removed from occupied France, but one night it was smuggled out covered with vegetables. Then it toured all France. The top picture shows the statue in the rowboat at the dock of St. Martin. The Madonna arrived on the transport, "Nina" and thousands of people crowded the shore to see her entrance into the harbor. Below, the statue is carried through the city's streets to the church, where it was visited by people from all over the island.



E portret aki ta muestra cu pa ser artista no ta belleza so ta necesario. Aki nos ta mira Yvonne de Carlo tempo cu e mester a ensaya cu directrice di baile Chineses Si-Lan-Chen, preparando pa e pelicula "Slave Girl" cu a worde presentá aki na Aruba recientemente.

Yvonne De Carlo usually plays the role of a harem giri to a harem-scarem sultan in those Universal-International technicolor movies. Evidently, preparing for those parts requires a bit more than just the ability to look sultry. Below, Miss DeCarlo (left) rehearses her dancing routine with Chinese dance director Si-Lan-Chen.



Un imagen religioso di masha fama ta haciendo un ruta pa tur islanan Frances di West Indie. Luna pasá e tabata na St. Martijn y L. Larmony di Laboratorio No. 3 a fia ESSO NEWS e portretnan aki, saká pa su cuña. Segun leyenda mil anja pasá e imagen a yega haaf di Boloña (Francia) den un barco di su mes. E Madona grandi ta sintá aden cu e niño riba su scochi. E imagen cu yama "Notre Dame de la Grande Retour" na Frances, loque nos por traduci como Nuestra Señora de la Gran Vuelta a bira masha famoso na Boloña. Durante guerra hopi hende tabata haci peregrinación pa miré y despues nan a cuminsa hibe di un stad pa otro. Alemannan e taha pa saka e imagen for di Francia ocupá, pero den anochi nan tabata transporté scondi bao di berdura. Y asina el a pasa henter Francia. E portret ta muestra e imagen den un barco na waf di St. Martijn; el a yega abordo di e vapor "Nina" y un multitud di hende a rondoná waf pa presenciá su yegada. E otro portret ta ora cu e imagen tabata na caminda pa mira, unda hende ta tur parti di isla a bin miré.



Ajax Club's Soccer and Korfbal Teams Play in Curaçao

Soccer Team Wins and Ties; Korfbal Team Ties Curaçao Club

The Ajax soccer and korfbal teams travelled to Curaçao late last month for three matches with Curaçao teams. On Saturday, February 28, Ajax tied Jong Curaçao, 3-3. For Ajax, Andre Reeder scored two points and Juan Maduro one. The next day Ajax defeated Surinam Bond by a score of 1-0, with Esmero Capriles scoring the single point.

In korfbal, Ajax played A Bond of Athens mixed with other teams to a scoreless tie. This match was played on Sunday afternoon, February 29, at Suffisant.

The two teams, accompanied by some of their loyal fans, flew over to Curaçao on the morning of February 28. The korfbal team returned to Aruba the evening of February 29 and the soccer team the following morning. In all, 54 players and fans made the trip.

The Ajax Club has over a hundred members, most of whom are Lago employees. Its soccer team was organized in June, 1946, and its korfbal team in May of last year.

The Ajax Sports Club korfbal team, below, and football team, right, are shown before a recent invasion of Curaçao. The korfbal team has the outstanding record of 14 victories in its last 17 games.



Aki riba nos ta mira portret di team di korfbal di Ajax Sports Club, cu a sali victorioso 14 bez di 17 wega cu nan tin hungá te awor. Para, di robex pa drechi, Alejandro Tromp (vice-president), Cicilia Bislick, Veneranda Geerman, Sra. Louisa Tromp, Henriette Hirschfeld, Lucia Bislick, Rosa Kock (tesorera), Flora Maria Lacle, y Narciso Kock (presidente). Sintá, Vera Daal, Anna Bislick, Cicilia Bislick (manager), Cicilia Geerman (captain) y Ena Daal. Miembronan cu no a sali riba e portret ta Alfonso Rodriguez (secretario), Semira Daal, Rita Jansen, Fernilia Geerman, Sra. Amelia Maduro y Sra. Adriana Maduro.



Team di futbol di Ajax a bai Curaçao luna pasá pa hunga dos match contra teamnan di aya. Ajax a gana un wega y tabla e otro. Riba e portret nos ta mira miembronan di team, pará di robex pa drechi: Alejandro Henriquez, (vice-president), Jossy Bislick, Andre Reeder (captain), Juan Maduro, Esmero Capriles, Frans Lampe, Jose Maduro, y Narciso Kock (presidente). Sintá, Seferino Maduro, Marcelo Maduro (tesorero), George Kipp, Boysie Castenero, Pedrito Kock y Jose Kock. Miembronan cu no a sali riba e portret ta Frans Maduro (secretario), Jose Quandt, Remigio Tomp y Boel (Peligroso) Wever.

Miembronan di Ajax Sports Club Ta Bishitá Curaçao

Teamnan di futbol y korfbal di Ajax a bai Curaçao luna pasá pa hunga tres wega contra teamnan di aya. Dia Sabra, 28 di Februari Ajax cu Jong Curaçao a tabla cu 3-3; Andre Reeder a pasa dos di nan y Juan Maduro a pasa e otro. E siguiente dia Ajax a gana Surinam Surinam Bond cu 1-0 y Esmero Capriles ta esun cu a pasé.

Team di Korfbal di Ajax a hunga contra un team mixta di Curaçao, tablando 0-0; e wega aki a tuma lugar na Suffisant.

E dos teamnan y algun conocir a bai Curaçao cu avion dia 28 di Februari mainta. E team di korfbal a bolbe Aruba

dia 29 anochi y e team di futbol a bolbe a siguiente mainta. Na tur 54 hende a bai.

Club Ajax tin mas di cien miembro, y mayoria ta empleadonan di Lago. E futbol team a worde organizá na Juni 1946 y e korfbal team na Mei di anja pasa.

Promé número di "Antillana", un revista Arubana, a worde publicá recientemente y lo sigui sali mensualmente. Es revista ta contené articulonnan tocante eventonan social di e isleta, literaria y actividatnan deportivo. E senjoresnan cu ta responsabel pa es revista ta E. de Windt L., P. N. Curet y N. Chemaly.

E revista ta casi henteramente na Spaño; subscripción ta costa Fls. 2.50 pa tres luna.



E Kokki Golos

Un biaha tabatin un kokki cu yama Greta cu tabata asina golos cu hopi bez e tabata come tur cuminda bon y e tabata sirbi e Shon loque sobra. Pero e Shon tabata masha distraido y e no tabata rapará nada. Un dia tabatin un bishita ta bin come cerca e Shon y el encargá Greta di prepará dos bunita galiña.

Net na ora, cu saas ta lek tur rond, e galiñanan a sali for di den forno, y nan holor por a lamta morto fo'i santana; pero e bishita no a yega. E Shon a cuminza bira impaciente y el a cuminza camna p'afor mira si e bishita no tabata bini.

Asina cu el a bai p'afor Greta a pone e asechi riba mesa y e di: "Mi tin tanto ora den candela, cu mi tin mester di un cos di fresca awor." El a habri frigidier y el a dal su dos glas di biña. Ora el a bolbe den cushina ainda e bishita no a yega; e biña a habri Greta su apetit y el a cuminza namorá e galiñanan. El a dop su dede den e saas pa e purba y e di: "Esta jammer pa e dos galiñanan ta para ta fria sin ningun hende pa come nan." El a bai na bentana pa e mira si su Shon no tabata bolbe ainda cu e bishita, pero e no a mira ningun hende. E ora Greta di: "Mi tin idea cu e a daki ta un poco kimá; mi hontu mi come." E ora Greta y el a gusté asina tanto cu el a come e otro ala tambe. E ora el a bolbe weita door di bentana, pero como e no a mira ni sombra di e Shon ni e bishita, e di den su mes: "Podiser e bishita 'n ta bin mas," y el a come sobra di esun galiña.

Awor un galiña so a sobra y como no tabatin seña di ningun hende riba caminda ainda, Greta a cuminza namorá esun ey tambe, bisando: "E dos galiñanan tabata semper hunto na bida; awor ta masha husto pa caminda esun a bai e otro tambe sigui," y den un rato e di dos galiña a sigui esun di promé.

Net Greta tabata lembe su dedenan, e Shon a yega na careda. "Pura, Greta," e di, "mi bishita ta yegando!" y el a cohe un cuchú grandi y el a cuminza mulé p'atras di cas.

Den esey e bishita a yega y el a bati na porta. Greta a habri y e di cuné: "Shhh! Bolbe riba e mesun pia; si mi Shon haya bo anto si bo a cohe awa blawu. El a combida bo bin come, blô pa e haya chens di corta bo oreanan afor. Scucha com e ta mula e cuchú."

E bishita a tende com e piedra di mula cuchú tabata ronca p'atras di cas y el a laga tumba unbez.

E ora Greta a corre bai p'atras cerca su Shon na grito: "Esta abuso! Esta un bon hende bo a combida bin comé. El a yega aki y el a horta e dos galiñanan bai cu nan. Ate ta corre ta bai aya!"

E Shon a saka careda tras di e homber cu e cuchú na su man ainda, gritando: "Stop! Stop! Duna mi maske ta un só!"

E homber cu a kere cu e ke meen un orea di: "Pia, pakico mi tin bo", y el a corre te laga stof atras.



Clever Gretel

There was once a cook named Gretel who was so fond of eating that she often ate the best things herself and served her master what was left over. But he was quite absent-minded and never noticed. One day her master invited a gentleman to dinner and told Gretel to cook two fine chickens.

At the proper time, oozing gravy and done to a turn, the chickens came out of the oven. But the guest had not arrived. The master, becoming impatient, walked down the street to see if he could see his friend coming.

As soon as he was out of the house, Gretel put the pan with the birds to one side and said to herself, "I have been standing near the fire so long that it made me quite thirsty. While I am waiting for the company, I may as well run to the cellar, and have a little drink".

When she returned to the kitchen, she again placed the fowls on the fire and basted them with butter. "The master would never miss a little piece," she said to herself. Then she dipped her finger in the dripping-pan to taste, and cried, "Oh, how delicious! It's a shame that there is no one here to eat them". She ran to the window to see if her master and the guest were coming, but no one was in sight. She went and stood by the fowls and thought, "The wing of that fowl is burned a little. I had better eat it". So she cut it off and ate it. It tasted so good that she tried the second one.

After the two wings were eaten, Gretel again went to look for the master, but there was no sign of him. "Who knows", she said to herself, "perhaps the visitor is not coming at all." So she went back to the kitchen and ate the remainder.

Now there was only one fowl left, and as her master did not return, Gretel began to look at it with longing eyes. At last she said, "Those fowls belong together; it is only fair that were one of, the other should be", She looked out of the window, then, seeing neither master nor guest, she ate the second fowl.

Just as she was enjoying the last morsel, her master came home. "Hurry, Gretel," he called. "My guest is coming." "Yes master," she replied. "Dinner will soon be ready."

Meanwhile the master took the carving knife, and went out to sharpen it on the grindstone. While he was doing so, the



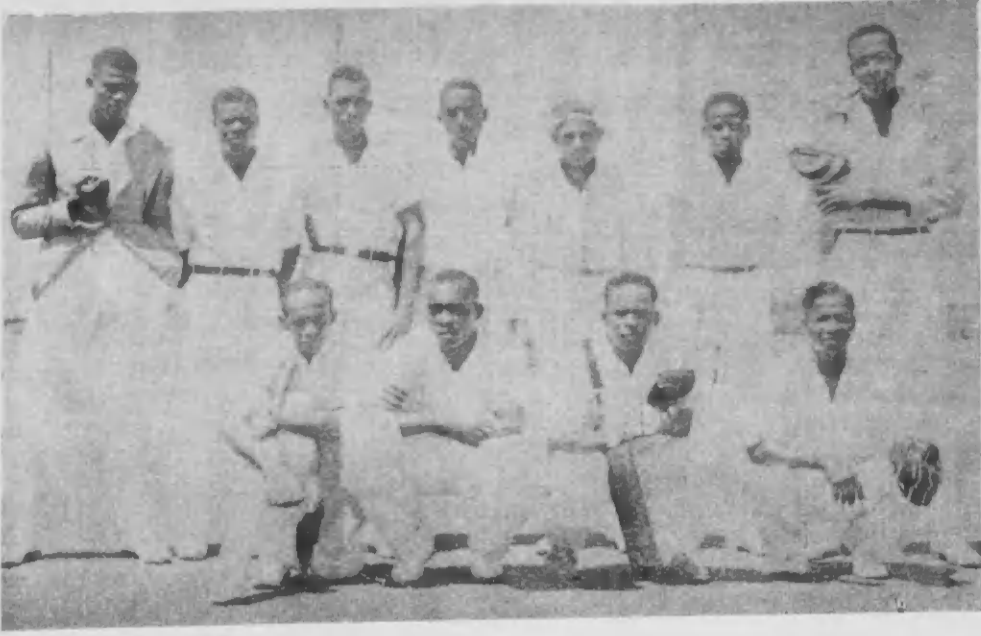
guest arrived and knocked at the door. Gretel ran out to see who it was. When she saw the visitor, she placed her finger on her lips, and whispered, "Shhh! Go back as quickly as you came. If my master should catch you, you'll be in a terrible fix. He invited you to dinner this evening just so he could cut off your ears. Listen, you can hear him sharpening his knife."

The guest heard the whirring grindstone and hurried away as fast as he could. Then Gretel ran screaming to her master, "Alack! Alas! You invited a fine guest. He came here and stole the two roast chickens. There he goes running down the street."

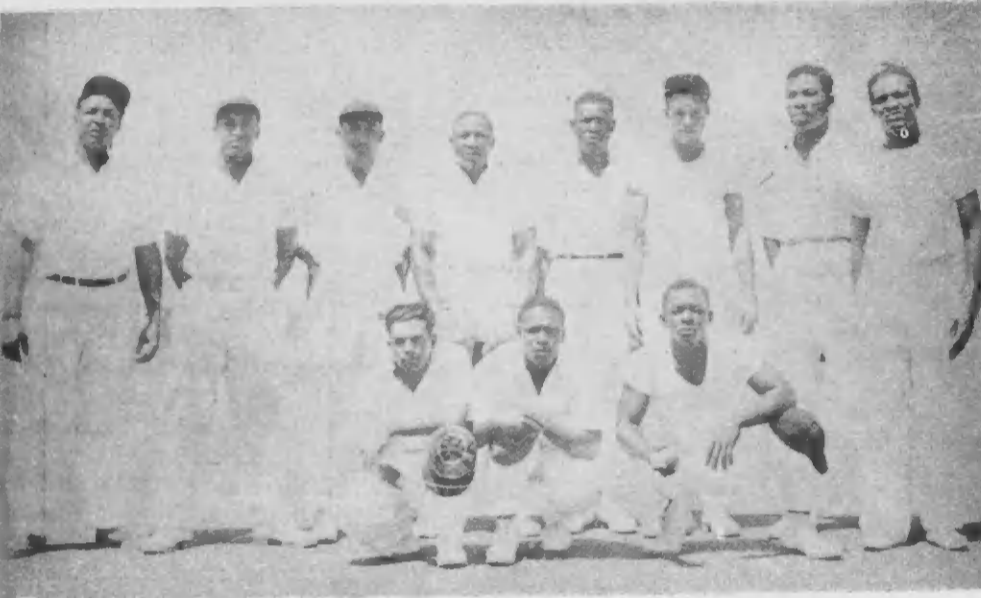
The master rushed after the thief, knife in hand, crying "Stop, stop! let me have one anyway!"

The guest thought he meant one ear and running faster than ever, he reached home and bolted his door behind him.

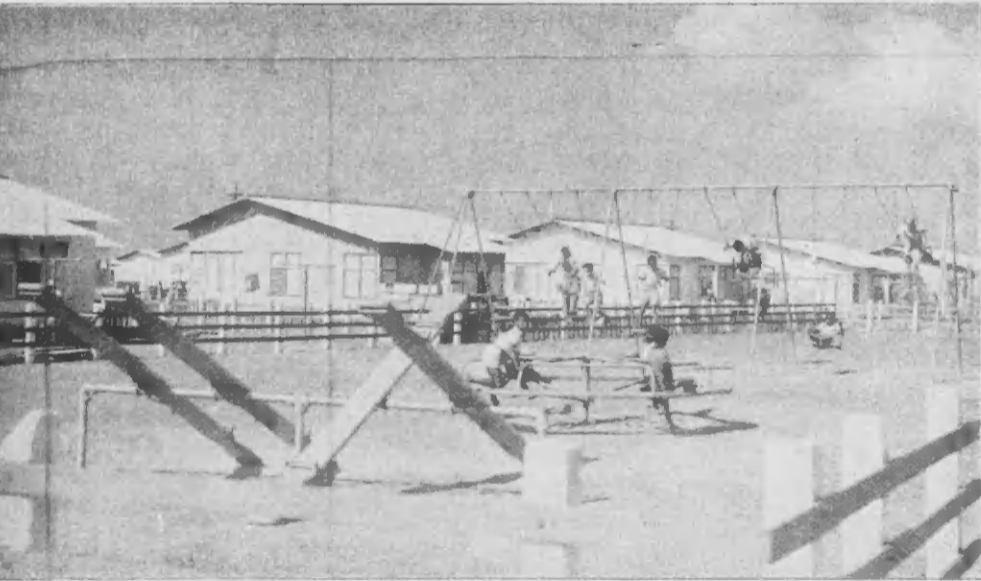
READERS ARE INVITED to make suggestions for the Kids' Korner. Are there any types of stories you would especially like to see? Any different kinds of material? Games, paper dolls, puzzles, pictures? Send your suggestions to the ESSO NEWS.



Members of the St. Vincent's Cricket Club are, back row left to right, C. Nicholas, A. Sayers, M. John, I. Howe, C. Bonadie, J. Simon, and R. Walker. In front are C. A. Brown (captain), F. Williams, L. Alexander, and J. Boucher.



Members of the Eagle Cricket Club (above) are, back row left to right, J. Barrott, E. Wardally (captain), C. Bolah, W. Joseph, E. Charles, A. Peters, C. Curwin, and S. Sawney. In front are P. Viapree, W. Duncan, and W. Williams.



The swings, the teeter-totters, and the merry-go-round whirls in the playground recently installed by the Home Building Foundation at the new housing development north of the Lago Sport Park. Set away from streets and completely fenced, it offers an ideal play-place for the small-fry. A duplicate set of equipment is about to be installed at Essoville, the earlier group of Home Building Foundation homes.

Recientemente Home Building Foundation a laga traha un lugar di hunga pa muchanan como parti di e proyecto di e casnan nobo pa nord di Lago Sport Park. E portret ta muestra com e muchanan ta goza di e facilidatnan instalá pa nan. Na Essoville, e promé grupo di casnan cu Home Building Foundation a traha, tambe lo bini un lugar di hunga pa muchanan.



The ESSO NEWS camera catches Laszlo Boros on the first of a large number of trips to receive prizes (for himself and for the Light Oils bowling team) at the Esso Club's bowling party February 21. Asst. General Manager O. Mingus, at right, is presenting him with the first award given, for winning the scratch singles competition, which he wound up at the party by beating Dave Mortlock with a 3-1 series. Also on the program were bowling for splits, hot dogs prepared by Mrs. C. C. Dunlap, and the announcement of a new series of leagues that started the following week.

St. Vincent Beats Eagle For League Championship

The St. Vincent Cricket Club won the championship of the Senior Division when it defeated the Eagle team by one run and seven wickets. The final score was 193 and 90 runs and seven wickets to spare for St. Vincent to 184 and 98 for Eagle. The game was played on February 29 and March 7 at the Sport Park.

In the Intermediate Division Baden-Powell, by virtue of its win over Energetic, emerged victorious in the Northern League. Baden-Powell and Coral, winner of the Southern League, were due to meet on March 14 at the Sport Park to decide the championship of the Intermediate Division.

Baden-Powell and Energetic, meeting for the third time, broke their tie for the league lead on February 29 when Baden-Powell made 135 runs to 109 for Energetic.

An all-star presentation match will be played in which St. Vincent and Eagle, the two top teams of the Senior Division, will meet Baden-Powell and Coral, winners in the Intermediate Division. The date for this match has not yet been set.

Final standings of the regular league schedule are as follows:

SENIOR DIVISION

Eastern League

Team	Points
St. Vincent	5
Maple	4
British Guiana	3
Grenada	1

Western League

Eagle	6
Dominica	5
West Indian	2
Sport Park	0

Senior Division Winner: St. Vincent

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Northern League

Baden-Powell	7
Energetic	6
St. Eustatius	4
Spartan	0

Southern League

Coral	6
Middlesex	3
Renown	2
Ever-Ready	2

Intermediate Division Winner: To be decided on March 14 when Baden-Powell an Coral Play.



Eleanor Simmons, housemaid, shows a little squiggle of writing on a card that is a prized keepsake. It is an autograph of Joe Louis, world's champion heavyweight prizefighter. It was brought to her by her employers, who happened to be visiting the Club Ebony in New York the night Joe Louis came in for a farewell party before his recent exhibition tour in England. They were able to get his signature, and gave Eleanor an autograph collection of one — an important one.

Sport Park Baseball Due To Start April 11

The Sport Park Committee met on March 2 to draw up plans for a five-team baseball league. Tentative plans call for the league to start on April 11.

At the same time the Sport Park Committee was reorganized, with B. K. Chand as temporary chairman. Two coordinators were named to organize subcommittees among the captains, managers, and players in the various sports and to assist in the operation of the leagues' activities. Edney Huckleman was named coordinator for cricket, baseball, and softball, and Henry Nassy coordinator for football and korfbal. Other members of the committee are Rupert Jallal, secretary, Allison Dennie, and Freddie Dirksz.

Futbal Internacional

Awor ta sigur cu team di futbol La Salle di Caracas lo bin hunga un serie di wega na Aruba durante dianan di fiesta di Pascu Grandi. Lo tin wega dia 27, 28 y 29 di Maart contra teamnan di Aruba Voetbal Bond y e weganan lo tuma lugar na Wilhelmina Sport Park. E team Venezolano, cu ta worde consedirá esun di mihor di Caracas ta bini bao di direccion di Ingeniero J. Campbell Santana, un di e maestronan di Colegio La Salle.

Team di futbol R.C.A., championnan di Aruba, a bai Haiti dia 4 di Maart pa un torneo di 12 dia. E weganan internacional ta pa trece bon relacion entre e dos islanan Caribe.

Aruba Voetbal Bond tin plannan pa construcion di un Sportstadium na Aruba, pasobra cu crecemento di popularidad di futbol y otro sportnan, facilidatnan actual a bira masha inadecuado.

Oranje Sport Club Plans Dance

The Oranje Sport Club is holding a dance on Saturday night, March 27, at the B.I.A. Hall in San Nicolas. Admission will be Fls. 3.00 per person, with ladies admitted free. Music will be furnished by the Bungo Band, "Conjunto Quisqueya".

The purpose of the dance is to raise money for the building of a club house for the Sport Club. Similar functions are planned for the near future.

Officers of the Oranje Club are L. W. Scott, of Colony M & C, president; J. F. York, Personnel Department, secretary; Austin A. Hodge, Colony Commissary, assistant secretary; and A. A. Arrindell, treasurer.

Bayway Plant Celebrates Fortieth Anniversary

The Bayway refinery, Esso Standard Oil Company's refinery in New Jersey, last month celebrated its 40th anniversary. Started on October 16, 1907 in order to provide relief from the congested conditions in Bayonne and Jersey City, the original shops were completed in 1908. The first of the shops to be finished was the machine shop; last January 18 marked the 40th anniversary of its cornerstone-laying.

When the first battery of stills went into operation on January 2, 1909, the refinery had an intake capacity of 20,000 barrels of crude oil per day. Today it ranks with the world's largest largest oil refineries.

General superintendent of the Bayway refinery from 1921 to 1926 was J. R. Carringer, now an Esso Standard vice-president who, with other company executives, was a recent Lago visitor.

International Football

The La Salle football team of Caracas will play a series of games in Aruba during Easter holidays. The games will be played on March 27, 28, and 29 against teams of the Aruba Football Bond; games will be played at the Wilhelmina Sport Park. The Caracas team is coached by J. Campbell Santana, a member of the faculty of La Salle College.

The RCA football team, champions of Aruba, left for Haiti on March 4 for a 12-day tournament against the Racing Club of Haiti. The purpose of the matches is to create closer relations between the two Caribbean islands.

Loss Figures for 1947 Show Increase

A barrel of oil is a costly commodity. Whether it's crude oil, kerosene, gasoline, or any other finished or unfinished product, it costs a lot of money.

Multiply the cost of one barrel by several thousands and then consider that this much oil (money) is lost here every day of the year and it begins to mean something.

According to refinery loss figures compiled recently, the last half of 1947 showed a 30 per cent increase in losses over the first half of 1947. Substantial progress had been made in combatting losses, with a reduction in some types of losses but an increase in others, and the total has crept upward to more serious proportions during 1947.

Not all of this loss is preventable. In an operation where nearly 400,000 barrels of oil runs through the plant every day, where hundreds of thousands of barrels are moved to and from ships, and where millions more are in storage, certain minimum losses will always be sustained.

Hundreds of barrels daily, however, can be lost through faulty sampling or draining of water from tanks, through faulty equipment that is not reported immediately, through leaving gauge hatches open, and many other common operations over which operating personnel do have control. Little losses build steadily into big ones, and only the careful attention of every employee concerned can keep them down.

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World gross production by Standard Oil Company (N.J.) and affiliated companies reached a new high of 1,254,000 barrels per day during the month of December, 1947.

Domestic companies accounted for 39 per cent of the total, or 482,000 barrels per day; Venezuela for 53 per cent, or 667,000 barrels per day; and others for the balance of 103,800 barrels per day.

Crude runs by foreign and domestic refineries for December averaged 1,393,800 barrels per day. United States plants ran 717,600; Aruba, 379,400 (a new record); and others, 296,800.

Placing of contracts for radar sets, to be installed on 40 of its sea-going tankers, was announced this month by Standard Oil (N.J.). The Company has completed arrangements for the purchase of 20 sets each from Radiomarine Corporation of America and Sperry Gyroscope Company, as the first step in its program to equip the 29 ships of Esso's American and Panamanian flag fleets with radar.

M. G. Gamble, general manager of Jersey's marine operations, pointed out that the installation of radar equipment marked another step in Jersey's efforts to increase tanker operating efficiency.

"As a supplement to customary navigational aids," he added, "radar will help to safely speed deliveries of petroleum products in all weathers."

The radar sets have already been installed on several tankers on a trial basis. With the adoption of this navigational aid, Jersey Standard becomes the largest user of commercial radar in the world.

Radar sets will be installed while the tankers are in port undergoing voyage repairs. It will take about a year to complete the program.

DEATHS

Johannes Jansen, a laborer at the Dry Dock, died February 29 at the age of 22. He had been an employee since October 6, 1947. He is survived by his brother, Julio, of the L.O.F. Department, and his half brother, Marco Maduro, of the Pipe Department.

Answer to PUZZLER:

A father and his child, or a paternal uncle or aunt and his or her nephew or niece. You can reason out who is the caller and who answered the phone.



Around the Plant

Five Dry Dock employees are presently on, or about to go on, their long vacations. George Hutchinson, laborer, started his ten weeks on March 9. He is remaining here in Aruba to rest.

Edward Gibson, boilermaker, left on March 15 for his home in St. Vincent. This will be his first visit there in ten years; he plans to remain there for eight weeks.

Carpenters' helper Alfred John left on March 15 for seven weeks in Grenada. This is his first trip back there in four years.

Joseph Prince was to leave on March 19 for ten weeks in St. Thomas. He hasn't been home in seven years.

On March 22 Simon Geerman, Dry Dock reporter for the Esso News, and his wife are leaving for Caracas. After five weeks there, they plan to spend another five weeks in Baranquilla, Columbia. During his absence, Porfirio Croes will serve as the Dry Dock reporter.

J. F. X. Auer, head of the Dining Halls, was honored on his birthday, March 1, at a small gathering of Dining Hall employees. A birthday cake, baked and decorated by Charles Garcenot, French pastry cook, was presented to Mr. Auer by Elsa Mackintosh. Those present at the ceremony included Miss Mackintosh, F. Marcial, A. Alemany, C. Garcenot, A. Sauvageot, A. de Barros, M. Balusson, N. Bouffard, E. Bruguere, R. Vissuzaine, A. Viau, and P. A. Hunt.

Austin A. Hodge, of the Colony Commissary, was honored by fellow members of the Oranje Sport Club on March 10 when he was presented with a cocktail set. The occasion was to celebrate his marriage on March 13 to Sarah Jacob at the Methodist Church. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Bernhardstraat No. 62. Sport Club members who gathered on March 10 to honor the prospective bridegroom were Rosendo Vlaun, A. A. Arrindell, L. W. Scott, George Muller, J. F. Arrindell, J. F. York, and Isabel York.

Nydia Ecury, of the Esso News staff, left on her vacation March 14. She will spend a month in Curaçao.

Aruba Art Circle Gets New Steinway Grand Piano

The Aruba Art Circle last month fulfilled a long-felt need when it bought a new Steinway grand piano. Arriving here on February 27, the piano was first used for the recital by Eric Landerer two days later.

The piano, costing \$3800, will be paid for by money raised from the sale of tickets to various Art Circle concerts and by contributions from friends of the Circle. The instrument was paid for with money borrowed from ANV and the governor of Curaçao allowed it into Aruba duty-free. KNSM provided free transportation for the piano from New York to Aruba, and Public Works gave it free transportation from the ship to the concert hall.

Many well-known concert pianists are scheduled to give recitals on the new instrument in the coming year. First of the famous artists to appear will be Hazel Scott, who is due to perform here either this month or in April.

Membership tickets to the Art Circle, which make it possible to buy single tickets at reduced prices, cost Fls. 10 a year.

Long Service Awards 10-Year Buttons

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James Hart	Executive
Edney Huckleman	Medical
Justus Nash	Electrical
Martin Edward	Electrical
Cyril Brown	Instrument
Constant Gumbs	Garage
Samuel Morris	Garage
Ossley Thompson	Garage
Emile Isselt	Machinist
James Bulo	Machinist
Cornelius Lake	Paint
Benoit Croes	Storehouse
Hortensio De Cuba	Welding
Angel Martinez	Yard
Andres Rodriguez	Yard
Albert London	Marine Office
Christopher Moore	Marine Office
Narcisio Dirksz	Dry Dock
Alvin De Nobriga	Dry Dock
George Gabriel	Dry Dock
George King	Dry Dock
Porfilio Croes	Dry Dock
James Romney	Commissary
Juancita Dirksz	Laundry
Agatha John	Laundry
Alphee Maccow	Stewards
Leslie Seekins	Engineering
Nicolaas Schindeler	Engineering
Lloyd McBurney	Process Control
Laurent Larmonie	Laboratory
Emile Oosthuizen	Powerhouse
John Webbe	Powerhouse
Carlos Vis	Process Cracking
Guillaume Mau Asam	Process Cracking
Felipe Hoevertz	L.O.F.
Mitchinson Maule	L.O.F.
John DaSilva DeFreitas	L.O.F.
Albert Richardson	L.O.F.
Peter Lawrence	L.O.F.
Wilhelmus De Weever	L.O.F.
Andrew Turner	L.O.F.
Cyrenius Lake	Rec. & Shipping
Edward Moses	Rec. & Shipping
Reuben Connor	Lago Police

They laughed when the hen sat down on her nest; they didn't know . . .

Edward Gibson, boilermaker at the Dry Dock, decided to go into the chicken business several months ago. In September of last year he ordered a hundred of the gentle little creatures from the States. They arrived and about the first of last month began to lay eggs.

Several days ago one of his children noticed a particularly large egg. She hastily picked it up and rushed off to show it to her mother. The child dropped the egg on the table and cracked it. Still, though, it was intact enough that it was worth saving to show to her Daddy when he came home.

Edward came home at the end of a day's work and, after marvelling at the size of the egg, decided to fry it for his supper.

He broke the egg. With a look of astonishment on his face, he muttered, "There's been fowl play here."

Know what was inside the egg? Eggactly — another egg.



Rupert Jardine, baker at the Dining Hall, married Estella Richardson at St. Theresa's Church in San Nicolas March 4, with a reception for friends later at the B.I.A. Hall. Above, he receives wedding gifts from friends at the Dining Hall the day before, with Chef Antonio Alemany making the presentation. Gifts included a set of table silver, a relish dish, and a liqueur set.

From the Alps To San Nicolas



A rare flag in Aruban waters . . .

Jokes about "the Swiss Navy" have been popular ever since jokesters first learned that Switzerland is small and completely surrounded by land. Some how or other, though, there is a sort of Swiss navy, as the picture proves.

The "San Moritz", recently added to Lago's Lake Fleet on a charter basis, flies the white cross on a red field that is the flag of the little Alpine republic. The ship is registered in Basle, Switzerland, which is several hundred miles from any salt water.

Though there are about 26 Swiss ships in the world (all tankers or freighters, incidentally; no warships), the people remain mountaineers, not seamen. The "San Moritz" has an all-Italian crew, except for a supernumerary, an old hand at crossing the tricky Maracaibo bar, who is temporarily assigned to the ship to assist the regular captain.

Vapor Suizo den Lake Fleet

Suiza ta un tera chikito henteramente rondoná pa otro teranan y sin salida pa lamar. Y toch tin barconan cu ta bula bandera Suiza riba lamar, manera e portret aki ta mustra.

„San Moritz“ cu recientemente a worde añañi na Lake Fleet ta carga e bandera corra cu cruz blanco, cu ta bandera di e república chikito cu cerronan halto. E vapor ta registrá na Basle, un lugar na Suiza cu ta keda algun cien milla for di awa salo.

Tin mas o menos 26 vapor Suizo den henter mundo; esakinan ta sea tanker of vapor di carga y ningun no ta vapor di guerra. Pero Suizonan no ta marinero; por ehempel e tanker Suizo aki tin un tripulación enteramente Italiano, cu excepcion di e captan su asistente interino, kende conoce tur trikinan di Lago di Maracaibo.

Refinery To Observe Two Holidays

Next Friday, March 26, and the following Monday, March 29, are holidays and the refinery will operate on a Sunday schedule. The first holiday is Good Friday, the second Easter Monday.